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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedules "A" and "B")

***"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
CREDENTIALING FOR SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS FOR  
2015."***

1 Strike subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of  
2 section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

3 "(2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of  
4 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may use  
5 such unexpended funds to support local school readiness programs in  
6 satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of subparagraph (B) of  
7 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section. The local school  
8 readiness programs shall use any such funds to provide assistance to  
9 staff for the cost of higher education courses leading to an associate's  
10 degree or a bachelor's degree. Local school readiness programs shall  
11 apply for such unexpended funds in such program's application for a

12 school readiness grant pursuant to this section. The commissioner shall  
13 determine how such unexpended funds shall be distributed and shall  
14 require each staff person as a condition of receiving assistance from a  
15 school readiness programs pursuant to this subdivision to obtain an  
16 associate's or bachelor's degree to be employed in a position related to  
17 early child education or child development in the state for three years  
18 after receiving such associate's degree or bachelor's degree. If such staff  
19 person is not employed in a position related to early child education or  
20 child development in the state for three years, such staff person shall  
21 repay the amount such staff person received to the Department of  
22 Education as follows: (i) If the staff person is not employed in a  
23 position related to early child education or child development in the  
24 state or is so employed for less than one year, one hundred per cent;  
25 and (ii) if the staff person is so employed for at least one year, but less  
26 than three years, fifty per cent. The department shall use any such  
27 repaid funds to provide assistance to other program staff for the cost of  
28 higher education courses leading to an associate's degree or a  
29 bachelor's degree. Any staff person receiving such assistance shall  
30 annually submit a letter to the department attesting to such staff  
31 person's employment in a position related to early child education or  
32 child development in the state."